

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Paul McAfee	§	
Serial Number:	10/645,202	§	
Filed:	August 21, 2003	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
For:	METAL BACKED UHMWPE ROD SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING SPINAL MOTION	§	Examiner: Richard Shaffer

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated March 30, 2007 ("Final Action"), Applicant requests continued examination and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.